Veterans Committee Minutes October 5, 2015 - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski; Supervisors Allen, Barrett, Jenkins, Lucia, and Collyer; Frank McClement, Veterans Director; Mr. Irwin, Mr. Miller and Mr. Singleman; Albany Saratoga Submarine Veterans.

Chairman Kinowski called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. McClement gave a brief overview of the monthly Veterans Service Officer Report as follows:

Mr. McClement said there were 18 new claims assembled and submitted for September, with 39 scheduled appointments and 14 walk-in clients. There were 2 Department of Social Services referrals and 13 Medicaid referrals.

Veterans Events

- 1. VA training webinars on Stakeholders Enterprise Portal
- 2. 9/10 Blue Water Navy webinar training
- 3. 9/10 Office for the Aging Senior Picnic
- 4. 9/11 43rd Senate District Veterans Hall of Fame Ceremony
- 5. 9/21 TAP Naval Base
- 6. 9/23 Stratton VAMC VSO Conference
- 7. 9/24 VA Homeless Veterans Challenge
- 8. 9/24 NYSDVA Community Conversation Excelsior College
- 9. Honor Flight October 16, 2015

<u>Saratoga County Veterans Transportation</u>

- 1. Van transportation provided 114 rides for September
- 2. New Van expected to return to service by 10/16/2015

Veterans Trust Fund

- 1. Balance on hand of \$30,184.24
- 2. Revolutionary Run for Veterans 5k Saturday November 7th

Peer to Peer Summary

- 1. NYSAC article submission
- 2. Incarcerated Veterans Program meeting
- 3. Upcoming Dwyer Program meeting SUNY Albany 10/26-10/27

Honor our Deceased Veterans

- 1. October Town of Ballston Herbert Gott Jr. WWII
- 2. November City of Saratoga Springs (Gene Corsale) WWII
- 3. December Town of Galway

Mr. McClement said the current balance in the Veterans Trust Fund is \$30,184.24.

Mr. McClement said a request has been made from the Saratoga Springs Vietnam Commemoration Committee for a \$3,000 expenditure from the Veterans Trust Fund, for a mailing regarding A Tribute to Vietnam War Era Veterans to be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the Saratoga Springs City Center, and to include additional information about the favor program. Real Property will work with the County Clerk to produce the necessary labels for the mailing.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve a \$3,000 withdrawal from the Veterans Trust Fund to be used for a mailing from the Saratoga Springs Vietnam Commemoration Committee to the Vietnam War Era Veterans and all Saratoga County municipalities for their support. Unanimous.

A request was made from Mr. Irwin, Mr. Miller and Mr. Singleman all members of the Albany-Saratoga Submarine Veterans, for a resolution naming a section of Historic Route 9 the "United States Submarine Veterans Memorial Highway.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve a resolution naming a section of Historic Route 9 the "United States Submarine Veterans Memorial Highway. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Sansom